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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42-83 to read as follows:

42 (Amended) A method for use in a flow matrix, which utilizes biospecific affinity reactions to detect an analyte in a sample, and which comprises:

allowing the sample comprising the analyte and an analytically detectable reactant (Reactant*) to migrate through flow channels in a flow matrix to a detection zone (DZ) located in the matrix, in which there is a firmly anchored biospecific affinity reactant

(Capturer), and

ii. capturing the Reactant* in the DZ in an amount related to the amount of analyte in the sample,